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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [48].

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10].

RESUMED TENTH EMERGENCY
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 6th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 10 a.m., to consider agenda item 5 (Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory) (A/ES-10/16).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209, A/C.4/52/L.9)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [95] (A/52/284, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/C.2/52/4)

(b) Trade and development (A/52/15 (Parts I and II), A/52/329, A/52/413, A/52/459)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a), A/C.2/ 52/L.7 and L.9 (item 99 (b))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Advancement of women [105]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.26, L.27, L.28, L.29, L.30

3. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

4. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)] (A/52/40, A/52/44, A/52/182, A/52/359, A/52/387, A/52/445, A/52/446, A/52/507, A/52/511)

   Conclusion of the general discussion.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

(A/52/6 (Vol. II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI-XII, and Income section)

Human rights (Part VI, section 22)
Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23)
Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)
Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Public information (Part VII, section 26)

Administrative services (Part VIII, section 27)
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management (Part VIII, section 27 A)
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27 B)
Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27 C)
Support services (Part VIII, section 27 D)
Conference services (Part VIII, section 27 E)
Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27 F)
Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27 G)
Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27 H)

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

Jointly financed administrative expenses (Part X, section 29)
Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

Staff assessment (Part XII)

Income section

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

   Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

   Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/52/278 and A/52/519)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933 and A/52/339)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [138] (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1 and A/52/546)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. II), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part VI-XII, and Income section)

   Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the advanced unedited version of the "Report of the Secretary-General on Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and Recommendations for the Rest of the Decade", submitted under General Assembly agenda item 97 (f), are now available for delegations (outside of room S-2994).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 10 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 112)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (g) and (e) and 98 (b))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (h) and 98 (f))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 95 (b), 98 (d) and 96 (b))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97(e) and 98(b))

3.15 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 12 noon and 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.23 on anti-personnel landmines on Monday, 10 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 12th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, on the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

In accordance with the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly on 27 October 1997, the Coordinator of the Informal Consultations on item 20 and all its sub-items, H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria), will hold the first meeting of the Informal Consultations on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8, for a preliminary exchange of views on the questions to be considered under the item and on the organization of the work of the Informal Consultations.

Bearing in mind that the debate on item 20 is scheduled to be held in the Plenary on Monday, 24 November, delegations are invited to present any initiative (draft resolution) they might have to the informal meeting on 12 November.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be a video-conference on "Havana+50: New Challenges for the International Trading System" on Tuesday, 11 November 1997 , from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, will serve as moderator in New York and H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Toumi, Permanent Representative of Morocco, will serve as moderator in Geneva. The Panelists invited are: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, Mr. Douglas Worth, Chairman, Trade Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business, Washington, D.C., Mr. Eduardo Delgado-Bermúdez, Director-General of the Cuban Association of the United Nations, Havana and Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director, Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey Institute of International Studies, San Diego.

There will be a briefing by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled "Revitalizing the Regional Commissions", on Wednesday, 12 November 1997 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 12 November: Mr. Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia), Mr. Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar), Mr. Amor (Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance), Mr. Garreton (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Mr. Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi), Mr. Paik (Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan), Mr. Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti), Mr. Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons), Mr. Groth (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba).

On 13 November: Mrs. Rehn (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)), Mr. Biro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan), Mr. Moussali (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda).

On 17 November: Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Thursday, 13 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to consider an addendum to the annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 November 1997, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Informal briefing

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security and agenda items

The Committee continued the third phase of its work, namely, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Japan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 and L.28), Canada (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.1 and L.30), Mexico, South Africa, Uruguay (on behalf on the MERCOSUR countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as of Bolivia and Chile), Gabon (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.6), India (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.15), Indonesia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.9, L.10, L.11/Rev.1, L.12 and draft decision A/C.1/52/L.13), Paraguay (on behalf of States Members of the Rio Group), Malaysia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/ L.37), the Philippines, Mali (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.8*), Sri Lanka (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.19 and L.20), Slovakia, Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.25 and L.26), South Africa, Pakistan (also on behalf of Bangladesh) (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.38 and L.39), the United States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.33/Rev.1), the Netherlands (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.43), Paraguay (on behalf of the States Members of the Rio Group), Argentina (on behalf of States Members of the Rio Group), Germany (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.18), the United Kingdom and Australia (who introduced draft decision A/C.1/52/L.7).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Slovenia, France, New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Egypt, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Ukraine.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Friday, 7 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Note: The summary of the 17th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/218).

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Japan, Brazil, Australia, Turkey, Papua New Guinea, China and Maldives.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that agenda item 12 would be considered on Tuesday, 11 November, followed by agenda item 97 (f). On Wednesday, 12 November, the Committee would continue consideration of agenda item 97 (f), and on Thursday, 13 November, the Committee would consider agenda item 98 (b) and (d).

33rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, Trinidad and Tobago, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Solomon Islands, Venezuela and Vanuatu.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and the World Bank.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98 (c), (e) and (f).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

International drug control [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Barbados, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mozambique, Poland, Senegal, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Advancement of women [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.18

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Colombia, Croatia, India, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela, joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burundi, Guyana, Namibia, Viet Nam and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.20/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Colombia, the Netherlands, Poland, Thailand and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Ireland, Israel and Kenya joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Guinea, Iceland, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, the Philippines, Slovakia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently Latvia and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Netherlands made a statement.

30th meeting

Advancement of women [105]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1**

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the text.

It was announced that Austria, Finland, Italy, Malaysia and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Monaco and China.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Organization for Migration.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the meeting scheduled for Monday, 10 November, at 10 a.m. was cancelled. He announced that there would be an informal dialogue for all interested delegations with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Friday, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Secretary informed the Committee of the programme of work for the afternoon of Monday, 10 November, and announced that action would be taken on Tuesday, 11 November, on documents A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1, L.24 and L.25 and any draft resolutions under item 107 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) that might be ready.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados) and Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania) to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, Lesotho (on behalf of the African Group), Mali, Egypt, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Sierra Leone and Zambia.

The Chairman of the Committee ruled that in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly the Fifth Committee would proceed to vote on the candidatures of Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali), Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania), and Mr. M.M. Ould El Cheikh Ghaouth (Mauritania).

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures of the African States to fill the two seats of that region and the two candidatures of the Asian States to fill the one seat of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

African States:

Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)	147 votes
Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali)	129 votes
Mr. M.M. Ould El Cheikh Ghaouth (Mauritania)	55 votes

Asian States:

Mr. Hasan Jawarneh (Jordan)	113 votes
Mr. Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri (Syrian Arab Republic)	58 votes

Having obtained the majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. C.S.M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali) and Mr. Hasan Jawarneh (Jordan) to serve for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/52/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/52/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), Mr. Prakash Shah (India), Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan) and Mr. David Leis (United States of America),to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidatures of the Eastern European States to fill the two seats of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was:

Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia)	128 votes
Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine)	127 votes
Mr. Jan Kinst (Czech Republic)	79 votes

Having obtained the majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia) and Mr. Ihor Humenny (Ukraine) to serve for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/52/103 and A/C.5/52/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for a three-year term of office beginning 1 July 1998.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/52/104 and A/C.5/52/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ahmed Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. J.Y. Pillay (Singapore) and Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo (Mexico) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/52/105 and A/C.5/52/9)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Mikuin Leliel Balanda (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe (Sri Lanka) and Mr. Hubert Thierry (France) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/52/106 and A/C.5/52/10)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Ku Tashiro (Japan), Mr. Joao Augusto de Medicis (Brazil), Mr. Mario Bettati (France), Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America) and Mr. Alexis Stephanou (Greece) to a four-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

As a result of the resignation of Mr. Alexander V. Chepourin (Russian Federation), the Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Alexei Fedotov (Russian Federation) to fill the remainder of the four-year term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2000.

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/52/107 and A/C.5/52/11 and Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Carlos Dante Riva (Argentina), Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan), Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany), Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya), and Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States of America) to a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1998.

The Committee also decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to postpone to a later meeting, the appointment of the two remaining members, respectively from the Group of African States and the Group of Asian States.

The Chairman declared this stage of the consideration of agenda item 17 concluded.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 24th and 25th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Cameroon, Slovakia, Australia, India, Bahrain, Israel, Portugal, Myanmar, Algeria, Italy, Brazil, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bangladesh, Canada, the Republic of Korea and Argentina, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Special Rapporteurs for the topic "Nationality in relation to succession of States" and for the topic "Reservations to Treaties" made statements.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a closing statement.

The Committee concluded its debate on the item.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR 1998 1st meeting

The Vice-President of the General Assembly (Egypt) opened the meeting and made a statement. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Sweden, Turkey, Denmark, Belgium, Hungary, Spain, Switzerland, China, Algeria, Liechtenstein, Norway, Austria, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Republic of Korea and Germany.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Djibouti, Egypt, Iceland, the Netherlands and Tunisia.

A closing statement was made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1997

1640th and 1641st (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began the adoption, in closed session, of concluding observations on reports considered at the present session.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1997

1642nd and 1643rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued and concluded the adoption, in closed session, of concluding observations on reports considered at the present session.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1997

1644th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed, in closed session, various issues under the item.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item in closed session.

Organization of work

The Committee, in public session, agreed to schedule for consideration at its sixty-second session, to be held in New York from 23 March to 9 April 1998, the initial reports of Zimbabwe and Israel, the third periodic report of Cyprus and the fourth periodic reports of Uruguay and Ecuador. It also agreed on the composition of the Working Group scheduled to meet in New York from 16 to 20 March 1998 prior to the Committee's sixty-second session.

Closure of the session

The Chairperson declared closed the sixty-first session of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. M r. Alyaksandr Sychou

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis

Western European and Other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. George Saliba

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